FEMA Approves \$8 Million for Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to Reimburse Hurricane Irma Expenses

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Nearly \$8 million in a recent FEMA grant will reimburse a state government agency for Hurricane Irma-related expenses.

The grant will reimburse the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for public safety activities in response to Hurricane Irma. FEMA funded 100 percent of the project.

FEMA's Public Assistance program administers the grants. The program provides grants to state, tribal, territorial and local governments and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so communities can quickly respond to major disasters and emergencies.

The agency obligated funding for these projects directly to the state. It is the state's responsibility to ensure the eligible sub-recipient receives this award.

All 67 Florida counties are designated for Public Assistance. To date, FEMA has obligated more than **\$50 million** to Florida under the Public Assistance program.

For more Hurricane Irma recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL.

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someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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